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SAID HYDE LED. EX GOVERNOR ODELL

Denied That He Made Use of His Office to Recover Shipbuilding Co. Losses

Equitable Official Tells How His Company Had Complied With the Letter of the Law as to Surplus.

New York, Nov. 16.—Former Governor Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., and United States Senator C. M. Depew, as witnesses of the Armstrong legislative investigation committee, today denied the parts of the testimony of James H. Hyde in which their names were used. In the course of the testimony of Mr. Odell he called Mr. Hyde's statements "base calumny," and when he was asked whether he directly or indirectly had made threats to have the charter of the Mercantile Trust company revoked, his face flushed and, striking the arm of the witness chair with his fist, he exclaimed: "There is no truth in that statement; so help me God."

Mr. Odell was the first witness of the day. He said no political pressure was brought to bear in the settlement of his suit against the Mercantile Trust company, and that it was settled the same as the suits brought by others. He said he had been advised by counsel that his claim was a just one and that any court would have awarded him more than he received in the settlement.

He knew of the introduction of the Ambler bill, which it is said might have affected the Mercantile Trust company's charter, and while he did not suggest its introduction, he saw no objection to it. Mr. Odell denied that

he ever made a statement to E. H. Harriman or any one else that retaliatory measures would be taken against the Mercantile Trust company. The witness said he and Mr. Harriman were personal friends, but that they had no business relations. He wrote a letter in behalf of Mr. Hyde's candidacy for the post of ambassador to France. This was at the request of W. H. McIntyre one of the vice presidents of the Equitable Assurance society. Mr. Odell said he had never solicited political contributions, but possibly some money might have come to him through the national committee or Senator T. C. Platt, as the latter had always gathered together the funds raised in New York state except in the last year.

Senator Depew was examined with respect to his syndicate participation and his duties as counsel to the Equitable society. Regarding the ambassadorship to Paris, Senator Depew said Mr. Hyde came to him and solicited influence to secure the appointment. Senator Depew brought the matter to the attention of the president, although he told Mr. Hyde that he was too young and the president said it was utterly impossible to make such an appointment.

The senator advocated the interests of the public as limiting of risks under insurance policies, and favored a public audit of the accounts of companies at stated periods by a chartered accountant. This he thought would obviate many suits that are now frequently brought for an accounting on the part of the policy holder.

John Gilchrist, in charge of the security department of the Equitable Life Assurance society, told of millions of dollars in loans made at the end of the year in the names of clerks of Kuhn, Loeb and company, to comply with the law that the surplus should be invested to keep down the cash balances. No collateral was held by the Equitable on these loans and the checks which were given for loans were deposited in the bank and certificates of deposit received. The check, however, was

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never cleared and on the first of the year the check would be taken out and the certificate surrendered. These loans were made at the instance of T. J. Jordan, former controller of the Equitable.

POWDER WORKS EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed and Two Badly Injured.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 16.—In an explosion today at the Buckeye powder works at Edwards Station, fourteen miles northwest of Peoria, two men met instant death and several other employees were injured, two of them seriously.

The dead: ADDISON LONG, aged 28. WM. HASSELER, aged 45. The seriously injured: Fred Fogelman. Ellis Henderson. The financial loss is \$10,000.

ATTELL'S DECISION.

His Antagonist, However, Did All the Work.

Baltimore, Nov. 16.—At the end of a fifteen round fight between Abe Attell of San Francisco and Tommy Mowatt of Chicago, before the Eureka Athletic club tonight, Referee O'Hara gave Attell a decision which he had earned cleverly by keeping away from Mowatt's repeated rushes or by meeting them with smashing blows in the face.

Mowatt did practically all the leading and took severe punishment, but he was strong and still rushing at the finish. He proved himself a fast fighter, but not so clever as Attell.

AN ILLEGAL VOTER SPIRITED AWAY

Some Interested and Unknown Person Furnished Bail.

New York, Nov. 16.—A sensation was created in Justice Davies' branch of the supreme court this afternoon when John Krup, indicted for illegal voting in the recent municipal election, failed to appear for pleading and his attorney's expressed ignorance as to his whereabouts. Earlier in the day Krup's release had been secured under increased bail, a \$5,000 cash bond being filed.

State Attorney General Mayer, who was in court, was indignant at the turn of affairs. Tonight the attorney general made public this statement: "Every effort will be made to ascertain who put up the \$5,000 bail and who employed counsel to defend Krup. The failure of Krup to appear in court was as defiant a defiance of law as I ever heard of. The disappearance of Krup is the best confirmation of the statement made by me in court urging that his bail be increased. I believe there were reasons apart from his own why Krup did not appear."

Justice Davies declared the \$5,000 forfeited.

LEGISLATOR CONVICT.

Bunkers Will Have to Serve at San Quentin.

Sacramento, Nov. 16.—Judge Hart today denied an appeal for a new trial of Harry Bunkers, the legislator convicted of bribery. Bunkers will now have to serve a sentence of five years at San Quentin.

AFTERMATH OF WAR.

An Alarming Number of Unemployed in Japan.

Tokyo, Nov. 16.—The number of unemployed following the return of troops from the field, is estimated at 700,000.

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causing uneasiness in view of the industrial depression prevailing and the unlikelihood of a revival of business in the near future.

THE JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

The Czar Arranges for the Distribution of It.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 16.—Baron Günsberg, the well known Jewish philanthropist, has received imperial authorization for the distribution of Jewish funds raised in America, England, and other foreign countries. He is now organizing committees. Advice indicates that much money will be required. The most horrible accounts of massacres and destruction of property are reaching here by mail.

ANTICIPATED DEMAND.

Mexican Railway Replaces Entire Operating Force.

Mexico City, Nov. 16.—The management of the Vera Cruz and Pacific railway have dismissed their conductors, both freight and passenger; locomotive drivers, train dispatchers and telegraph operators, replacing them with non-union men. The men discharged were about to petition for an increase of pay.

A ROYAL DINNER.

London, Nov. 16.—King George of Greece and Princess Nicholas of Greece, dined with King Edward and Queen Alexandra at Windsor Castle this evening. Subsequently the royal party attended a theatrical performance in the Waterloo chamber of the castle.

HIS NEW LOVE.

King Alfonso to Marry an English Princess.

Madrid, Nov. 16.—The Herald makes the positive statement that King Alfonso's return to Madrid will be followed immediately by an official announcement of his betrothal to an English princess.

INDIAN SCHOOL FIRE.

The Government Building at Albuquerque Burned.

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 16.—The commissary building at the government Indian school was destroyed by fire tonight, causing a loss of \$25,000. The building was filled with provisions and clothing for the inmates of the school. The fire started between the ceiling and roof and the origin is a mystery.

THE FLURRY IS OVER

A Resumption of Normal Conditions in the Stock Market.

New York, Nov. 16.—Conditions in the money market showed evidence today of a rapid return to the normal, and active and very irregular speculative operations in stocks were resumed accordingly.

STOCKS.

Amalgamated, 113%; Atchafalca, 138%; Anaconda, 113%; Central, 223; C. & O. 52; St. Paul, 175; Big Four, 98; C. & S. 26; 1st pf. 62; 2nd pf. 43; Erie, 47; Manhattan, 164; Metropolitan, 116; M. P. 98; N. Y. Central, 149; Penna. 128; St. L. & S. F. 2nd pf. 64; S. P. 63; U. P. 95; U. S. Steel, 36; pf. 101; W. U. 22.

BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s reg. and coupon, 103; U. S. 3s reg. and coupon, 104; U. S. old 4s reg. and coupon, 105; U. S. new 4s reg. and coupon, 133.

GRAIN.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Continued urgent demand for cash wheat at Minneapolis had a strengthening effect today on the wheat market here. May opened at 83 1/2¢; 88¢; sold up to 83 1/2¢; 84¢; reached the highest point at 83 1/2¢; and closed firm with May at 83 1/2¢. May corn opened at 45¢, sold up to 45 1/2¢ and closed at 45 1/2¢. May oats opened at 32 1/2¢, sold up to 32 1/2¢ and closed at 32 1/2¢.

METALS.

New York, Nov. 16.—Spot copper was 10s higher at £75 15s in London while futures were unchanged at £72 15s. Locally the market was reported firm with offerings light. Lake is quoted at \$16.62 1/2¢; electrolytic at \$16.62 1/2¢ and casting at \$16.25¢; 16.62¢. Lead joined in the general advance abroad, closing at £15 7s 6d. Locally the market was firm and higher. Supplies for shipments in 30 days are now quoted at \$5.25 and spot quotations range as high as \$5.30 for small lots. Spelter was unchanged and dull at \$6.10¢ to \$6.20 in the local market but advanced to £28 5s in London. Silver 64; Mexican dollars, 49 1/2.

CATTLE AND SHEEP.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Cattle receipts, 500; market steady. Common to prime steers, \$2.90 to \$3.55; cows, \$2.75 to \$4; heifers, \$2.05 to \$2.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.15 to \$4.15; calves, \$2.07. Sheep receipts, 22,000; market lower. Sheep, \$4.65 to \$5.00; yearlings, \$5.30 to \$6; spring lambs, \$6.50 to \$7.

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SLAV CLOUDS BREAK AWAY

Political Strike Confined to St. Petersburg

Threatened Agrarian Troubles Met by Czar's Manifesto Regarding the Disposition of Crown Lands.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—Though the industrial strike in St. Petersburg yesterday was even more complete than it was Wednesday, and though no break has been manifested in the ranks of the workmen and strikes have broken out at Moscow and Rostov, the most important feature of yesterday's development was the failure of the walkout to spread generally outside the capital. The movement apparently lacks the spontaneity and contagiousness of the last great strike, which broke out at Moscow, and dispatches received from the industrial centers of Russia up to this hour show little inclination on the part of the workmen to take up cudgels in behalf of Poland.

The factory strike at Moscow, which has assumed considerable proportions, probably 45,000 men being out, has no direct communication with the St. Petersburg walkout, and dispatches from the old capital say that the railroad men received the request of the St. Petersburg strike committee coldly.

There is betterment of agrarian conditions. Dispatches from Kusk, Poltava, Riazan, Samara and other provinces continue to report the spread of disorders, which in Poltava are taking an anti-Jewish turn. However, the imperial manifesto regarding the disposition of the crown domains, which by its generous terms was rushed last night, will be issued early this morning and the emperor and Count Witte hope it will tend to pacify the peasants and have an important tactical effect on the coming struggle with the socialists and other anti-government forces in the elections for the duma.

POINT OF AGRARIAN TROUBLE.

Kursk, Nov. 16.—Agrarian disorders are increasing. The estate of Prince Kassatkin Rostkofsky in the Novosokol district, has been sacked by peasants, who attacked and wounded the prince and princess. Several buildings were burned and cattle and horses driven off.

The police commissary has sent an urgent appeal to the government for regular troops to aid the Cossacks, who are powerless to cope with the disorder.

DREAD OF A DICTATOR.

Threw St. Petersburg Money Market into a Panic.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 16.—A panic prevailed on the bourse today as the result of a rumor that Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch, commander of the Imperial Guard, had been appointed dictator. There was a stampede and rush to unload. Chief Witte of the chancellery authorized a positive denial of the rumor that a dictator had been appointed, and he also denied that he intends to declare martial law in St. Petersburg.

A special meeting of the cabinet, the emperor presiding, was held this afternoon to consider the situation. This is the first meeting of the cabinet under the direct presidency of the emperor since the creation of the responsible ministry. The meeting was held at Tsarskoe-Selo, where the emperor arrived last night.

THE CZAR'S RIVAL.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 16.—A false rumor has suddenly made his appearance near Penza and already has followers to the number of fifty thousand. This startling report was received this afternoon in a dispatch from Simbirsk Penza in the heart of the vast region extending westward from the Volga where Agrarian uprisings on a large scale have been occurring. If the report is true that a pretender to the throne has placed himself at the head of the peasantry the government will soon face, besides other troubles a formidable Agrarian rebellion.

LAUDED PEASANTRY.

The Imperial Manifesto Was Issued This Morning.

London, Nov. 17.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg, to Reuters' Telegram company says that an imperial manifesto granting land concession to the peasants was issued this morning. By these terms the land redemption tax, payments from January 14, 1906, will be reduced by one-half, and from Jan. 14, 1907, the payments will be totally abolished. At the same time the capital of the Peasants bank is increased and the bank is granted an additional loan privileges with the object of facilitating to the utmost the purchase of lands by peasants.

It is estimated that the amount of taxation thus lifted from the peasants by the manifesto will aggregate \$40,000,000, while the extension of the field of operations of the Peasants bank will enable vast tracts of crown and private lands gradually to become the property of the peasants.

WITTE'S APPEAL.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 16.—After last night's meeting of ministers, which lasted until 3 o'clock in the morning, Count Witte issued an appeal to the workmen which was posted today in factories, mills, and other works, and says: "Brother workmen, get to your work. Cease making disturbances; have pity on your wives and children. Do not listen to bad advice. Have patience. All that is possible will be done for you. Listen to the advice of

a man whose sympathies are with you and wishes you well."

A SWINGING QUARTETTE.

No Pardon for Nevada Murderers Sentenced to be Hanged Today.

Reno, Nev., Nov. 16.—The state board of pardons has refused to intervene in the case of Gorman, Sevensen, Linderman and Roberts, sentenced to hang tomorrow for the murder of Jack Welch in Humboldt county two years ago.

An affidavit from F. T. Matthews of San Francisco, who sought to establish an alibi for Gorman, was rejected today by the board.

THE PARISIAN BLAMED.

German Court's Decision on Collision with Steamer Albano.

Halle, Sax., Nov. 16.—A cablegram from Hamburg states that the German admiralty court, sitting at Hamburg, has held an investigation into the collision between the German steamer Albano and the British steamer Pariah, which occurred off Halifax Harbor on March 25 last. In summing up the court exonerated the Albano from any blame for faulty management and held that the accident was caused by the Pariah because she did not comply with the regulations for the prevention of collisions of vessels at sea and give way to the other steamer.

MEXICAN COLONY

NEGOTIATED FOR

Many Farmers from the States Moving to the Republic.

Mexico City, Nov. 16.—The government has entered into an important colonization contract with Edward Poffelich and Manuel Seplein, whereby they purchase 100,000 hectares of land in the Tlaxcala district in the state of Chihuahua at \$1.20 per hectare and agree to settle on the land five hundred immigrants of Austrian, Hungarian or German nationality.

Eight thousand acres of land in the state of Oaxaca are to be cleared for settlement by American farmers. Some of the farmers from Illinois and Oklahoma have already bought lands in the vicinity of the Mexican railway on the old Vera Cruz line.

PASSENGERS MURDERED.

Story of Mutiny and Pillage on a Russian Steamer.

London, Nov. 16.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Bucharest, Roumania, says that the sailors of the Russian steamer Ismail, bound out from Odessa, Nov. 8, with refugees, mutinied at sea and threatened the passengers with death unless they gave them money and jewelry, and that those unable to do so were thrown overboard.

VICTIMS OF AN INCENDIARY.

New York, Nov. 16.—A fire in a tenement building on East Seventy-third street, early today, caused the death of at least five persons. It is believed that the fire was incendiary.

MINING DELEGATES

WITNESS BULLFIGHT

Resolutions Introduced in Earlier Sessions Disposed Of.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 16.—After devoting several hours to the consideration of resolutions presented at earlier sessions, the American Mining congress took an early adjournment today and crossed the river to Mexico to witness a bull fight.

Among the resolutions adopted at the session were the following: Favoring a national department of mines and mining, presided over by a member of the presidential cabinet; urging the government to preserve desert water supplies; asking for national legislation which will enable miners to locate and work mines on Spanish and Mexican land grants in Arizona and New Mexico, the titles to which have been approved by the United States court of land claims; favoring the formation of a state mining association in every mining state in the union, the same to affiliate with the American mining congress; urging government appropriations for the aid of state mining schools; recommending that congress should enact a law for the formation of mining drainage districts. The resolution provided that the payment of annual tax of fifty dollars on mining claims shall exempt an owner from doing assessment work was voted down.

The bull fight this afternoon created much excitement among the visitors. Felix Robert and Francisco Paquiro, two fighters, were injured by the infuriated bulls.

The drilling contest was held this morning. Lindquist and Olson of Colorado made 39 1-16 inches in fifteen minutes and Bradshaw and McIver of Bisbee made 39 5-16.

MUTUAL LIFE REFORM PLANS

The First Thing, McCurdy's Salary Divided

Reduction in the Emoluments of Other Officers—No Commission Agencies—No More Legal Agents.

New York, Nov. 16.—At a special meeting of the board of trustees of the Mutual Life Insurance company in the city today at which a preliminary report of the recently appointed special investigating committee was submitted, President Richard A. McCurdy caused a stir by announcing that at his own request his salary had been cut in half, from \$150,000 to \$75,000 a year. This action was taken at a meeting of the finance committee, and, Mr. McCurdy said, was the first step in reducing the expenses of the company. The salaries of the old executive officers of the company had also been reduced, the saving amounting in all to between \$145,000 and \$150,000 per annum.

Mr. McCurdy's statements to the directors preceded the submission of the investigating committee's first report. This committee, which was named to examine into the affairs of the company, made a significant request for a readjustment of its powers and recommended changes in practices by the company "which on their very face are loose, unsound and open to criticism," the committee recommended that, pending its further inquiry, the executive officers adopt immediately a policy of retrenchment. The preliminary report was adopted, together with the resolution increasing the powers of the committee in continuing its investigations. The directors ordered that full publicity be given to the report, as well as to the statement made by President McCurdy.

President McCurdy in his address to the trustees outlined a policy of retrenchment the executive officers had decided upon. He declared he did not know what was contained in the report of the special investigating committee and he did not desire to forestall anything the committee might do, for he would abide by its decision.

Mr. McCurdy said that during the forty-five years he has been in the service of the Mutual, the company had grown until it stands unrivaled for the magnitude of its assets. Whatever criticism may have been made of features of its administration, he declared, the fact remains that no policyholder or of the company need ever entertain the shadow of a doubt that his policy, with all its accretions will be paid in full when due.

Mr. McCurdy said the merit in the company's upbuilding was not his alone. All the officers labored together.

He was aware, he says, that the management had been subjected to severe criticism, and that the company's business had suffered a great deal. "I am far from admitting," he continued, "that all criticism which has been made is just or deserved, but on the other hand, I am not so blind as not to know that a public opinion unfavorable to the administration has been created, and that its persistence must continue to work a hardship to the business of the company."

The principal reform demanded was a reduction in the cost of insurance. He had set an example of retrenchment by asking that his salary be cut in half. Commission agencies will be changed to a salary basis, and the legislative expenses will be done away with, policyholders protective committees taking the place of salaried legal agents. President McCurdy's plan calls for a reduction of expenses in every branch of the business. In conclusion he said: "Of this I feel certain, that no officer or trustee of this company has made any unlawful profit out of his office."

EIGHT LIVES LOST IN GAS EXPLOSION

Monongahela City, Pa., Nov. 16.—

Eight miners were killed today by a gas explosion in the new shaft of the Brazelton Coal company on the outskirts of the Bentleyville.

The dead: ED FARRAGUT, day boss. ED HASTIE, shift boss. F. H. NEWMAN, machine runner. C. E. WAGNER, machine runner. JOE STOKES, colored,ucker. JOHN MCATEY, mucker. J. SCHIKOLA, mucker. J. HOSKINS, mucker.

FLAMING COTTON.

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 16.—More than 2,000 bales of cotton were destroyed, about 1,000 bales badly scorched and several hundred bales damaged by fire which started in property used jointly by the Central of Georgia railroad and the Atlantic Compress company today. Loss \$150,000.

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